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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE REMOTE SENSING SCREWORM  
ERADICATION  
EXPERIMENT

REF: MEXICO 3919

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SUMMARY: NASA TEAM, COMPOSED OF HEADQUARTERS AND JOHNSON S. F. C.  
(HOUSTON) REPS, BRIEFED AT EMBASSY JUNE 4, HELD SUCCESSFUL  
MEETINGS WITH GOM REPS JUNE 5-6. FOLLOW- UP CONVERSATIONS  
COMPLETED  
BY DR. BARNES (HOUSTON) JUNE 12 AFTER PILOT TEST SITE VISITS.

UNANIMOUS CONCLUSION, INCLUDING OPINION US AND MEXICAN  
CO- DIRECTORS, JOINT US- MEXICO SCREWORM COMMISSION, IS THAT  
NASA SHOULD PRESENT PROJECT PROPOSAL TO THAT MIXED COMMISSION  
IN ADVANCE ITS NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING JULY 2. END SUMMARY.

1. NASA REPS ANDREWS ( HDQS), ZARACARO AND BARNES ( HOUSTON),  
TOGETHER WITH CONTRACTOR SPECIALISTS ( LOCKHEED), BRIEFED BY  
EMBREPS SIMONPIETRI ( SCICOUNS), SMITH ( AGATT), ZWEIFEL  
( POL), HEFLIN ( MIXED COMMISSION), AND SUNRAY ( NOAA).

2. FIRST US- MEXICO MEETING " CONVOKED BY CONACYT" ( SO STATED BY  
THEIR SPOKESMAN) INCLUDED CONACYT AS HOST, SPACE COMMISSION  
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( CONEE), AGRICULTURE ( COM CO- DIRECTOR OF MIXED COMMISSION)  
AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ( INIA), NASA  
TEAM, EMBREPS ( EXCEPTING POL, NOAA), ARS AND US MIXED COMMITTEE  
REPS.

3. AFTER PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROJECT, GOM MIXED  
COMMISSION CO- DIRECTOR VILLASENOR PROPOSED THAT NASA SHOULD  
PRESENT PROJECT PROPOSAL DIRECTLY TO THAT COMMISSION. THIS  
SUPPORTED  
BY INIA AND CONEE WITH CONACYT CONCURRENCE, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD  
THAT COPIES OF NASA COMMUNICATION GO SIMULTANEOUSLY TO CONACYT,  
CONEE, AND INIA.

4. SECOND MEETING HELD AT CONEE HDQS. PURSUANT THEIR INVITATION WITH  
ADDITION A GOM REP ( NATIONAL PATRIMONY) AND CONCURRENCE  
OF MEXICAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, WHERE TECHNICAL DETAILS  
EXPLORED UNDER CONEE CHAIRMANSHIP ( HIGUERA MOTA) AND DECISION  
MADE TO VISIT PILOT TEST SITE, WHICH GOM PARTICIPANTS MEETING  
CONSIDERED TO BE EXCELLENT CHOICE.

5. SOME MEMBERS NASA TEAM VISITED CONEE LABS IN AFTERNOON  
JUNE 6.

6. IN SITE VISIT MADE TEST SITE ( VERACRUZ TO CORDOBA-  
ORIZABA AREA) BY DR. BARNES, INIA AND CONEE REPS JUNE 7-8 WHERE  
EXCEPTIONALLY WELL RECEIVED BY AGRICULTURE REPS, LOCAL  
COOPERATIVES  
AND STOCKMEN WHO PLEASED TO KNOW OF EFFORT HELP THEM IN  
SCREW WORM  
ERADICATION.

7. NET RESULT SAID INSPECTION WAS PINPOINTING OF THREE SPECIFIC  
AREAS AT SEA LEVEL, 4000 AND 8000 FEET, RESPECTIVELY, WHERE  
ALL DESIRED CONDITIONS FOUND. NOAA HDQS REP BARBER ( WHO PRESENT  
IN MEXICO CITY) INFORMED RE EXISTING MET. STATIONS IN AREA  
WHERE NASA PROPOSES STRENGTHEN FAIRLY DENSE NETWORK WITH 20  
ADDITIONAL STATIONS.

8. DRAFT LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND OF PROJECT PROPOSAL  
REVIEWED BY BARNES WITH CONEE, CONACYT AND US AG REPS JUNE  
11-12 AND APPROVED. HE DEPARTED FOR HOUSTON SAME NIGHT AFTER  
BRIEFING EMBASSY ON FINAL RESULTS.

9. CONEE REP HIGUERA MOTA HIGHLY GRATIFIED AT OUTCOME DISCUSSIONS,  
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PREPARED LEND ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, CONSIDERS PROJECT  
EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINING GOM SPECIALISTS.

10. BARNES CAN PROVIDE DETAILS. HE PROCEEDING WASHINGTON JUNE 14  
ON OTHER BUSINESS BUT WILL CONTACT MORRISON AT NASA HQDS.

1 1. TENTATIVE PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT PRESENT INCLUDE:

A. JOINT US- MEXICO REMOTE SENSING GROUP TO BE SET UP.

B. INIA PROPOSES START FIELD WORK FIRST WEEK JULY.

C. NASA PLANS TO INITIATE ITS COOPERATION BY SENDING ONE CONTRACTOR  
STAFF MEMBER, TOGETHER WITH NOAA METEOROLOGIST, TO TEST SITE  
ASAP AFTER MIXED COMMISSION APPROVAL.

12. COMMENT. EMBASSY CONSIDERS TEAM VISIT SUCCESSFUL AND IS  
PLEASED AT OUTCOME WHICH REPRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN  
UTILIZATION REMOTE SENSING TECHNOLOGY IN CRITICAL AGRICULTURAL-  
PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM OF IMPORTANCE BOTH NATIONS. SO FAR, NO  
GOM PARTICIPANTS HAVE ADVOCATED CONSULTATION WITH FONSEC, BUT  
PARTICIPATION OTHER TECHNICAL AGENCIES AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS  
ANTICIPATED. END COMMENT.

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